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Kirk Robinson, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

The Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Rebuilding of the Libby to Troy Section of the Libby-Bonniers 115-kilovolt Transmission Line (DEIS) offers the following comments.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Threatened and Endangered Species

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has been providing technical assistance on this project with respect to issues on grizzly bears and bald eagles will continue to work with BPA throughout the consultation process pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Program

The proposed study area includes four parks that were developed with assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) program.

30-00340 – Libby – Fireman's Park/D
30-00370 – Libby Tennis Courts/D
30-00581 – Libby Fireman's Park Addition
30-00601P – City of Libby Parks Improvements
30-00631 – Lincoln County Kootenai Fall Park

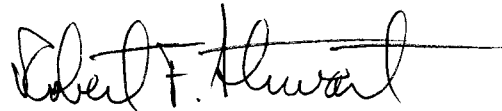
We recommend you consult directly with the official who administers the L&WCF program in Montana to determine any potential conflicts with Section 6(f)(3) of the L&WCF Act (Public

Law 88-578, as amended). This section states "No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary [of the Interior], be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location."

The administrator for the L&WCF program in Montana is Mr. Walt Timmerman, Grants Coordinator, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, Montana 59620. Mr. Timmerman's phone number is 406-444-3753.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this DEIS. If you have any questions concerning our comments on the L&WCF program, please contact Cheryl Eckhardt, Environmental Compliance Specialist, in the NPS Intermountain Regional Office at 303-969-2851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Stewart", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert F. Stewart
Regional Environmental Officer